



# Industry Connection Hub

## The challenge

An important component of all Cooperative Research Centre's is ensuring research results are transferred to end users in formats that will ensure rapid uptake of research results by industry.

The Fight Food Waste Cooperative Research Centre (FFW CRC) is committed to doing this for Australian food businesses and the industry in a way that doesn't just rely on our annual conferences, final research reports and participant newsletters. Whilst these very important communication activities will still take place, the FFW CRC wants to be innovative and inclusive when it comes to communication, industry engagement, research extension and training.

*“The Hub will facilitate the transfer of research results, extension materials, and education and training tools via its members to their industry sectors”*

## Our plan

The Industry Connection Hub operates under the principle that we are fundamentally stronger together in extending research results to industry and developing relevant and coordinated education and training for industry. The principal benefits of belonging to the Hub are therefore focused around the enhanced opportunities for collaboration and the sharing of information from the CRC in a rapid and timely manner to benefit Hub member's industry sectors and businesses. The Hub will also provide a platform for researchers and research students to access industry for activities such as surveys, interviews, market research, advice and connections.

A key objective for the Hub is to be an instigator for identifying new and fresh education and training opportunities, courses, master classes, micro-learning and e-learning that Hub members can develop for their industry members and sectors.



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The Industry Connection Hub aims to:

- increase industry engagement in food waste reduction through promoting FFW CRC research findings and identified training opportunities
- contribute to achieving the objectives of the FFW CRC by providing the opportunities and knowledge for Hub members to train at least 125 industry representatives per year for the next 10 years (with the goal that those trained will implement at least one new piece of knowledge, technology, method or process into their business or place of employment)
- identify industry training program outputs that will be used by industry to ensure that their business and their workforce are better skilled, new knowledge created by CRC research is applied to industry and industry have the necessary skills to take up R&D results from the CRC
- be the vehicle in which to conduct the Training Needs Analysis to identify skill and training gaps
- broaden industry networks for the FFW CRC as an organisation

## Participants



- be the vehicle in which the CRC's portfolio of communication and extension materials are used by CRC organisations to adopt food waste innovations
- tap into existing powerful networks and channels direct to industry
- establish a platform to support the implementation of the National Food Waste Strategy.

Do you have strong links to industry and an interest in becoming a member of The Industry Connection Hub? Please visit the FFW CRC website for membership guidelines and the online application form: [www.fightfoodwastecrc.com.au](http://www.fightfoodwastecrc.com.au).

## Timeline

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